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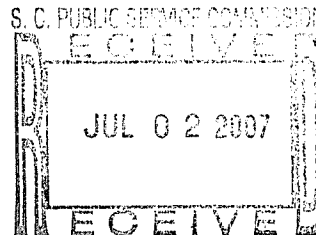


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The Honorable Charles Terreni
Chief Clerk of the Commission
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Dr., Suite 100
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Re: Petition for Approval of Nextel South Corp.'s Adoption of the BellSouth-Sprint
Interconnection Agreement

Dear Mr. Terreni:

Enclosed for filing please find the originals and two copies each of the Petition for Approval of Nextel South Corp.'s Adoption of the BellSouth-Sprint Interconnection Agreement. Please return a "clocked-in" copy of the Petition in the enclosed, self-addressed stamped envelope which I have provided for your convenience.

Thank you for your assistance. Please call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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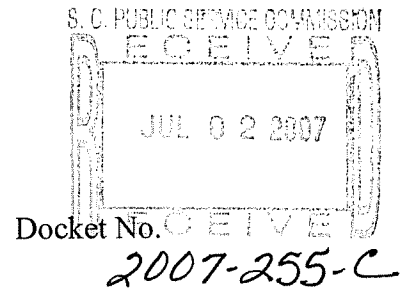
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Enclosures

cc: Patrick W. Turner, Esq.

**BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION FOR APPROVAL)
OF NEXTEL SOUTH CORP.'S ADOPTION OF THE)
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN)
SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS L.P., SPRINT)
SPECTRUM L.P. D/B/A SPRINT PCS AND)
BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.)
D/B/A AT&T SOUTH CAROLINA D/B/A AT&T)
SOUTHEAST)
)



**PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF NEXTEL SOUTH CORP.'S ADOPTION OF
THE BELLSOUTH-SPRINT INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT**

Nextel South Corp. ("Nextel"), pursuant to 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. § 103, the interconnection-related Merger Commitments Nos. 1 and 2 ordered by the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") in the AT&T Inc. and BellSouth Corp. merger proceeding,¹ and Section 252(i) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 ("Act"),² hereby files this Petition for approval of Nextel's adoption of the existing interconnection agreement between BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T South Carolina d/b/a AT&T Southeast ("AT&T South Carolina") and Sprint.³ Nextel requests the South Carolina Public Service Commission ("Commission") to:

- a) Approve Nextel's adoption of the existing interconnection agreement between

¹ *In the Matter of AT&T Inc. and BellSouth Corporation Application for Transfer of Control*, Memorandum Opinion and Order, Ordering clause ¶ 227 at page 112, and APPENDIX F "Reducing Transaction Costs Associated with Interconnection Agreements," paragraphs 1 and 2 at page 149, WC Docket No. 06-74 (Adopted: December 29, 2006, Released: March 26, 2007) ("*FCC Order*"). A copy of the Table of Contents and Appendix F to the *FCC Order* are attached as Exhibit A to the Petition.

² Pub. L. No. 104-104, 110 Stat. 70, 47 U.S.C. § 252(i).

³ Sprint Communications Company L. P. ("Sprint CLEC") and Sprint Spectrum L. P. d/b/a Sprint PCS ("Sprint PCS") are collectively referred to herein as "Sprint."

AT&T South Carolina and Sprint dated January 1, 2001 and initially deemed approved by the Commission in Docket No. 2000-23-C on July 9, 2002 (the “Sprint ICA”); and

- b) Require AT&T South Carolina to execute the adoption Agreement previously tendered by Nextel to AT&T South Carolina, as reflected in attached Exhibit B to this Petition.

PARTIES

1. Nextel is a Georgia corporation, a commercial mobile radio service (“CMRS”) provider licensed by the FCC to provide wireless services in South Carolina, and a “telecommunications carrier” under the Act. Nextel’s principal place of business is 6200 Sprint Parkway, Overland Park, Kansas 66251 and, like Sprint CLEC and Sprint PCS, is a wholly owned subsidiary of Sprint Nextel Corporation.

2. The name and address of Nextel’s representative in this proceeding is as follows:

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3. AT&T South Carolina is an incumbent local exchange company (“ILEC”) as defined under Section 251(h) of the Act, and is certified to provide telecommunications services in the State of South Carolina. AT&T South Carolina maintains its principal place of business in South Carolina at 1600 Williams Street, Columbia, SC 29201.

4. On information and belief, the name, address, and contact information for AT&T South Carolina's current primary legal representatives regarding this matter are:

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FACTUAL BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

5. As ordered by the FCC in the AT&T Inc. and BellSouth Corp. merger proceeding, the interconnection-related Merger Commitments Nos. 1 and 2 respectively state as follows:

Merger Commitment No. 1:

The AT&T/BellSouth ILECs shall make available to any requesting telecommunications carrier any entire effective interconnection agreement, whether negotiated or arbitrated that an AT&T/BellSouth ILEC entered into in any state in the AT&T/BellSouth 22-state ILEC operating territory, subject to state-specific pricing and performance plans and technical feasibility, and provided, further, that an AT&T/BellSouth ILEC shall not be obligated to provide pursuant to this commitment any interconnection arrangement or UNE unless it is feasible to provide, given

the technical, network, and OSS attributes and limitations in, and is consistent with the laws and regulatory requirements of, the state for which the request is made.⁴

Merger Commitment No. 2:

The AT&T/BellSouth ILECs shall not refuse a request by a telecommunications carrier to opt into an agreement on the ground that the agreement has not been amended to reflect changes of law, provided the requesting telecommunications carrier agrees to negotiate in good faith an amendment regarding such change of law immediately after it has opted into the agreement.⁵

6. Independent of Merger Commitments Nos. 1 and 2, Section 252(i) of the Act provides:

A local exchange carrier shall make available any interconnection service, or network element provided under an agreement approved under this section to which it is a party to any other requesting telecommunications carrier upon the same terms and conditions as those provided in the agreement.

7. AT&T South Carolina is an “AT&T/BellSouth ILEC” subject to Merger Commitments Nos. 1 and 2, as well as an incumbent local exchange carrier subject to Section 252(i) of the Act.

8. The Sprint ICA for which Nextel seeks adoption approval has been amended from time to time, and all such amendments have been filed by AT&T South Carolina with the Commission. A true and correct copy of the current, 1,169 page Sprint ICA, as amended, can be viewed on AT&T South Carolina’s website at:

http://cpr.bellsouth.com/clec/docs/all_states/800aa291.pdf.⁶

⁴ *FCC Order* at p. 149, APPENDIX F (emphasis added).

⁵ *Id.*

⁶ For ease of administrative burden upon the Commission, the current Sprint ICA is fully incorporated herein by reference. Nextel will provide paper or electronic copies upon request.

9. Currently pending before the Commission is an arbitration between Sprint and AT&T South Carolina regarding the Sprint ICA, i.e., Docket No. 2007-215-C. At un-numbered page 8, paragraph 17 of AT&T South Carolina's Motion to Dismiss and Answer filed in Docket No. 2007-215-C on June 22, 2007, AT&T South Carolina admitted without qualification, the following allegations contained in paragraph 13 of the Sprint Petition for Arbitration:

Soon after the FCC approved Merger Commitments were publicly announced on December 29, 2006, the Parties [Sprint and AT&T South Carolina] considered the impact of the Merger Commitments upon their pending Interconnection Agreement negotiations. AT&T South Carolina acknowledged that, pursuant to Interconnection Merger Commitment No. 4,⁷ Sprint can extend its current Interconnection Agreement for three years. The Parties disagree, however, regarding the commencement date for such three-year extension.

The Sprint ICA identified in paragraph 8 of this Petition is the same Sprint "Interconnection Agreement" referred to in the above referenced allegations that AT&T South Carolina has admitted without qualification in 2007-215-C. Further, as set forth in Docket No. 2007-215-C, Sprint has taken all reasonable steps within its control to extend the Sprint ICA three years from March 20, 2007, to result in a new Sprint ICA expiration date of March 19, 2010.

10. By letter dated May 18, 2007, Nextel notified AT&T South Carolina in writing that Nextel was exercising its rights pursuant to Merger Commitments Nos. 1 and 2 and 47 U.S.C. § 252(i) to adopt the Sprint ICA. Nextel provided all necessary

⁷ Interconnection Merger Commitment No. 4 states:

The AT&T/BellSouth ILECs *shall permit a requesting telecommunications carrier to extend its current interconnection agreement*, regardless of whether its initial term has expired, *for a period up to three years*, subject to amendment to reflect prior and future changes of law. During this period, the interconnection agreement may be terminated only via the carrier's request unless terminated pursuant to the agreement's 'default' provisions.

information and requested AT&T South Carolina to execute and return two enclosed copies of a proposed adoption Agreement. Copies of Nextel's May 18, 2007 letter, enclosed forms and proposed adoption Agreement are attached to this Petition as Exhibit B.

11. Although neither Nextel nor Sprint CLEC considered it either necessary or required by law, to avoid any potential delay regarding the exercise of Nextel's right to adopt the Sprint ICA, AT&T South Carolina was specifically advised that Sprint CLEC also stands ready, willing and able to also execute the Sprint ICA as adopted by Nextel in order to expeditiously implement Nextel's adoption.

12. All relevant South Carolina-specific differences are already contained within the Sprint ICA, and the same South Carolina-specific terms are applicable to Nextel upon adoption of the Sprint ICA. Therefore, there are no "state-specific pricing and performance plans and technical feasibility" issues to prevent AT&T South Carolina from immediately making the Sprint ICA available within South Carolina to Nextel pursuant to Merger Commitment No. 1. Likewise, since the Sprint ICA is already Triennial Review Remand Order ("TRRO") compliant and has an otherwise effective change of law provision, there is no issue to prevent AT&T South Carolina from also making the Sprint ICA available to Nextel in South Carolina pursuant to Merger Commitment No. 2. Nor is there any basis for AT&T South Carolina to refuse to permit Nextel to adopt the Sprint ICA, which AT&T has admitted is subject to a 3-year extension, pursuant to Section 252(i) of the Act.

13. To the extent notice may be deemed necessary pursuant to the existing interconnection agreements between Nextel and AT&T South Carolina, Nextel also

provided AT&T South Carolina conditional notice to terminate the existing interconnection agreement between Nextel and AT&T South Carolina upon acknowledgement by the Commission that Nextel has adopted the Sprint ICA.

14. By letter dated May 30, 2007, AT&T South Carolina responded to Nextel's May 18, 2007 letter. A copy of AT&T South Carolina's May 30, 2007 letter is attached to this Petition as Exhibit C. Notwithstanding AT&T's admissions in Docket No. 2007-215-C that it has "acknowledged that, pursuant to Interconnection Merger Commitment No. 4, Sprint can extend its current Interconnection Agreement for three years," by its May 30, 2007 letter, AT&T South Carolina has refused to permit Nextel to adopt the Sprint ICA based upon assertions that the Sprint ICA "is expired," "is currently in arbitration at the relevant state commissions" and "is not available for adoption, as it was not adopted within a reasonable period of time as required by 47 C.F.R. § 51.809(c)."

15. AT&T South Carolina's position simply ignores that: a) although there is a dispute as to when the commencement of the Sprint ICA 3-year extension commences, and as a result, as to when the current term of the Sprint ICA ends, b) by its actions Sprint has in fact exercised its right to extend the Sprint ICA for three years, and, therefore, c) the Sprint ICA is available for the balance of such 3-year extension under the Merger Commitments and Section 252(i) of the Act, however the Commission ultimately resolves the dispute in Docket No. 2007-215-C concerning when that extension commenced. AT&T South Carolina's refusal to honor Nextel's request to adopt the Sprint ICA places conditions upon Nextel's adoption rights that are contrary to both the Merger Conditions and Section 252(i) of the Act.

16. Nextel does not believe that there are any material disputed issues of fact that the Commission needs to address at this time to grant the relief requested on the basis asserted in this Petition.

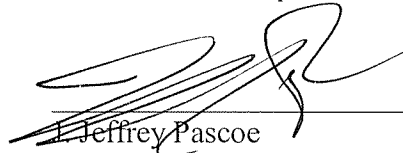
PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Nextel prays that the Commission compel AT&T South Carolina to comply with its obligations under the Merger Commitments and Section 252(i) of the Act by:

- a) Approving Nextel's adoption of the existing interconnection agreement between AT&T South Carolina and Sprint dated January 1, 2001 and initially approved by the Commission in Docket No. 2000-23-C;
- b) Requiring AT&T South Carolina to execute the adoption Agreement tendered by Nextel to AT&T South Carolina as reflected in attached Exhibit B to this Petition; and,
- c) Granting such other and further relief as the Commission deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted this 28th day of June, 2007.

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Before the
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Washington, D.C. 20554

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AT&T Inc. and BellSouth Corporation)	WC Docket No. 06-74
Application for Transfer of Control)	
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MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER

Adopted: December 29, 2006

Released: March 26, 2007

By the Commission: Chairman Martin and Commissioner Tate issuing a joint statement;
Commissioners Copps and Adelstein concurring and issuing separate statements;
Commissioner McDowell not participating.

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The Applicants have offered certain voluntary commitments, enumerated below. Because we find these commitments will serve the public interest, we accept them. Unless otherwise specified herein, the commitments described herein shall become effective on the Merger Closing Date. The commitments described herein shall be null and void if AT&T and BellSouth do not merge and there is no Merger Closing Date.

It is not the intent of these commitments to restrict, supersede, or otherwise alter state or local jurisdiction under the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, or over the matters addressed in these commitments, or to limit state authority to adopt rules, regulations, performance monitoring programs, or other policies that are not inconsistent with these commitments.

MERGER COMMITMENTS

For the avoidance of doubt, unless otherwise expressly stated to the contrary, all conditions and commitments proposed in this letter are enforceable by the FCC and would apply in the AT&T/BellSouth in-region territory, as defined herein, for a period of forty-two months from the Merger Closing Date and would automatically sunset thereafter.

Repatriation of Jobs to the U.S.

AT&T/BellSouth¹ is committed to providing high quality employment opportunities in the U.S. In order to further this commitment, AT&T/BellSouth will repatriate 3,000 jobs that are currently outsourced by BellSouth outside of the U.S. This repatriation will be completed by December 31, 2008. At least 200 of the repatriated jobs will be physically located within the New Orleans, Louisiana MSA.

Promoting Accessibility of Broadband Service

1. By December 31, 2007, AT&T/BellSouth will offer broadband Internet access service (*i.e.*, Internet access service at speeds in excess of 200 kbps in at least one direction) to 100 percent of the residential living units in the AT&T/BellSouth in-region territory.² To meet this commitment, AT&T/BellSouth will offer broadband Internet access services to at least 85 percent of such living units using wireline technologies (the "Wireline Buildout Area"). AT&T/BellSouth will make available broadband Internet access service to the remaining living units using alternative technologies

¹ AT&T/BellSouth refers to AT&T Inc., BellSouth Corporation, and their affiliates that provide domestic wireline or Wi-Max fixed wireless services.

² As used herein, the "AT&T/BellSouth in-region territory" means the areas in which an AT&T or BellSouth operating company is the incumbent local exchange carrier, as defined in 47 U.S.C. § 251(h)(1)(A) and (B)(i). "AT&T in-region territory" means the area in which an AT&T operating company is the incumbent local exchange carrier, as defined in 47 U.S.C. § 251(h)(1)(A) and (B)(i), and "BellSouth in-region territory" means the area in which a BellSouth operating company is the incumbent local exchange carrier, as defined in 47 U.S.C. § 251(h)(1)(A) and (B)(i).

and operating arrangements, including but not limited to satellite and Wi-Max fixed wireless technologies. AT&T/BellSouth further commits that at least 30 percent of the incremental deployment after the Merger Closing Date necessary to achieve the Wireline Buildout Area commitment will be to rural areas or low income living units.³

2. AT&T/BellSouth will provide an ADSL modem without charge (except for shipping and handling) to residential subscribers within the Wireline Buildout Area who, between July 1, 2007, and June 30, 2008, replace their AT&T/BellSouth dial-up Internet access service with AT&T/BellSouth's ADSL service and elect a term plan for their ADSL service of twelve months or greater.
3. Within six months of the Merger Closing Date, and continuing for at least 30 months from the inception of the offer, AT&T/BellSouth will offer to retail consumers in the Wireline Buildout Area, who have not previously subscribed to AT&T's or BellSouth's ADSL service, a broadband Internet access service at a speed of up to 768 Kbps at a monthly rate (exclusive of any applicable taxes and regulatory fees) of \$10 per month.

Statement of Video Roll-Out Intentions

AT&T is committed to providing, and has expended substantial resources to provide, a broad array of advanced video programming services in the AT&T in-region territory. These advanced video services include Uverse, on an integrated IP platform, and HomeZone, which integrates advanced broadband and satellite services. Subject to obtaining all necessary authorizations to do so, AT&T/BellSouth intends to bring such services to the BellSouth in-region territory in a manner reasonably consistent with AT&T's roll-out of such services within the AT&T in-region territory. In order to facilitate the provision of such advanced video services in the BellSouth in-region territory, AT&T/BellSouth will continue to deploy fiber-based facilities and intends to have the capability to reach at least 1.5 million homes in the BellSouth in-region territory by the end of 2007. AT&T/BellSouth agrees to provide a written report to the Commission by December 31, 2007, describing progress made in obtaining necessary authorizations to roll-out, and the actual roll-out of, such advanced video services in the BellSouth in-region territory.

Public Safety, Disaster Recovery

1. By June 1, 2007, AT&T will complete the steps necessary to allow it to make its disaster recovery capabilities available to facilitate restoration of service in BellSouth's in-region territory in the event of an extended service outage caused by a hurricane or other disaster.
2. In order to further promote public safety, within thirty days of the Merger Closing Date, AT&T/BellSouth will donate \$1 million to a section 501(c)(3) foundation or public entities for the purpose of promoting public safety.

³ For purposes of this commitment, a low income living unit shall mean a living unit in AT&T/BellSouth's in-region territory with an average annual income of less than \$35,000, determined consistent with Census Bureau data, *see* California Public Utilities Code section 5890(j)(2) (as added by AB 2987) (defining low income households as those with annual incomes below \$35,000), and a rural area shall consist of the zones in AT&T/BellSouth's in-region territory with the highest deaveraged UNE loop rates as established by the state commission consistent with the procedures set forth in section 51.507 of the Commission's rules. 47 C.F.R. § 51.507.

Service to Customers with Disabilities

AT&T/BellSouth has a long and distinguished history of serving customers with disabilities. AT&T/BellSouth commits to provide the Commission, within 12 months of the Merger Closing Date, a report describing its efforts to provide high quality service to customers with disabilities.

UNEs

1. The AT&T and BellSouth ILECs shall continue to offer and shall not seek any increase in state-approved rates for UNEs or collocation that are in effect as of the Merger Closing Date. For purposes of this commitment, an increase includes an increased existing surcharge or a new surcharge unless such new or increased surcharge is authorized by (i) the applicable interconnection agreement or tariff, as applicable, and (ii) by the relevant state commission. This commitment shall not limit the ability of the AT&T and BellSouth ILECs and any other telecommunications carrier to agree voluntarily to any different UNE or collocation rates.
2. AT&T/BellSouth shall recalculate its wire center calculations for the number of business lines and fiber-based collocations and, for those that no longer meet the non-impairment thresholds established in 47 CFR §§ 51.319(a) and (e), provide appropriate loop and transport access. In identifying wire centers in which there is no impairment pursuant to 47 CFR §§ 51.319(a) and (e), the merged entity shall exclude the following: (i) fiber-based collocation arrangements established by AT&T or its affiliates; (ii) entities that do not operate (*i.e.*, own or manage the optronics on the fiber) their own fiber into and out of their own collocation arrangement but merely cross-connect to fiber-based collocation arrangements; and (iii) special access lines obtained by AT&T from BellSouth as of the day before the Merger Closing Date.
3. AT&T/BellSouth shall cease all ongoing or threatened audits of compliance with the Commission's EELs eligibility criteria (as set forth in the *Supplemental Order Clarification's* significant local use requirement and related safe harbors, and the *Triennial Review Order's* high capacity EEL eligibility criteria), and shall not initiate any new EELs audits.

Reducing Transaction Costs Associated with Interconnection Agreements

1. The AT&T/BellSouth ILECs shall make available to any requesting telecommunications carrier any entire effective interconnection agreement, whether negotiated or arbitrated, that an AT&T/BellSouth ILEC entered into in any state in the AT&T/BellSouth 22-state ILEC operating territory, subject to state-specific pricing and performance plans and technical feasibility, and provided, further, that an AT&T/BellSouth ILEC shall not be obligated to provide pursuant to this commitment any interconnection arrangement or UNE unless it is feasible to provide, given the technical, network, and OSS attributes and limitations in, and is consistent with the laws and regulatory requirements of, the state for which the request is made.
2. The AT&T/BellSouth ILECs shall not refuse a request by a telecommunications carrier to opt into an agreement on the ground that the agreement has not been amended to reflect changes of law, provided the requesting telecommunications carrier agrees to negotiate in good faith an amendment regarding such change of law immediately after it has opted into the agreement.
3. The AT&T/BellSouth ILECs shall allow a requesting telecommunications carrier to use its pre-existing interconnection agreement as the starting point for negotiating a new agreement.

4. The AT&T/BellSouth ILECs shall permit a requesting telecommunications carrier to extend its current interconnection agreement, regardless of whether its initial term has expired, for a period of up to three years, subject to amendment to reflect prior and future changes of law. During this period, the interconnection agreement may be terminated only via the carrier's request unless terminated pursuant to the agreement's "default" provisions.

Special Access

Each of the following special access commitments shall remain in effect until 48 months from the Merger Closing Date.

1. AT&T/BellSouth affiliates that meet the definition of a Bell operating company in section 3(4)(A) of the Act ("AT&T/BellSouth BOCs")⁴ will implement, in the AT&T and BellSouth Service Areas,⁵ the Service Quality Measurement Plan for Interstate Special Access Services ("the Plan"), similar to that set forth in the SBC/AT&T Merger Conditions, as described herein and in Attachment A to this Appendix F. The AT&T/BellSouth BOCs shall provide the Commission with performance measurement results on a quarterly basis, which shall consist of data collected according to the performance measurements listed therein. Such reports shall be provided in an Excel spreadsheet format and shall be designed to demonstrate the AT&T/BellSouth BOCs' monthly performance in delivering interstate special access services within each of the states in the AT&T and BellSouth Service Areas. These data shall be reported on an aggregated basis for interstate special access services delivered to (i) AT&T and BellSouth section 272(a) affiliates, (ii) their BOC and other affiliates, and (iii) non-affiliates.⁶ The AT&T/BellSouth BOCs shall provide performance measurement results (broken down on a monthly basis) for each quarter to the Commission by the 45th day after the end of the quarter. The AT&T/BellSouth BOCs shall implement the Plan for the first full quarter following the Merger Closing Date. This commitment shall terminate on the earlier of (i) 48 months and 45 days after the beginning of the first full quarter following the Merger Closing Date (that is, when AT&T/BellSouth files its 16th quarterly report); or (ii) the effective date of a Commission order adopting performance measurement requirements for interstate special access services.

2. AT&T/BellSouth shall not increase the rates paid by existing customers (as of the Merger Closing Date) of DS1 and DS3 local private line services that it provides in the AT&T/BellSouth in-region territory pursuant to, or referenced in, TCG FCC Tariff No. 2 above their level as of the Merger Closing Date.

3. AT&T/BellSouth will not provide special access offerings to its wireline affiliates that are not available to other similarly situated special access customers on the same terms and conditions.

4. To ensure that AT&T/BellSouth may not provide special access offerings to its affiliates that are not available to other special access customers, before AT&T/BellSouth provides a new or modified contract tariffed service under section 69.727(a) of the Commission's rules to its own section 272(a)

⁴ For purposes of clarity, the special access commitments set forth herein do not apply to AT&T Advanced Solutions, Inc. and the Ameritech Advanced Data Services Companies, doing business collectively as "ASI."

⁵ For purposes of this commitment, "AT&T and BellSouth Service Areas" means the areas within AT&T/BellSouth's in-region territory in which the AT&T and BellSouth ILECs are Bell operating companies as defined in 47 U.S.C. § 153(4)(A).

⁶ BOC data shall not include retail data.

affiliate(s), it will certify to the Commission that it provides service pursuant to that contract tariff to an unaffiliated customer other than Verizon Communications Inc., or its wireline affiliates. AT&T/BellSouth also will not unreasonably discriminate in favor of its affiliates in establishing the terms and conditions for grooming special access facilities.⁷

5. No AT&T/BellSouth ILEC may increase the rates in its interstate tariffs, including contract tariffs, for special access services that it provides in the AT&T/BellSouth in-region territory, as set forth in tariffs on file at the Commission on the Merger Closing Date, and as set forth in tariffs amended subsequently in order to comply with the provisions of these commitments.

6. In areas within the AT&T/BellSouth in-region territory where an AT&T/BellSouth ILEC has obtained Phase II pricing flexibility for price cap services ("Phase II areas"), such ILEC will offer DS1 and DS3 channel termination services, DS1 and DS3 mileage services, and Ethernet services,⁸ that currently are offered pursuant to the Phase II Pricing Flexibility Provisions of its special access tariffs,⁹ at rates that are no higher than, and on the same terms and conditions as, its tariffed rates, terms, and conditions as of the Merger Closing Date for such services in areas within its in-region territory where it has not obtained Phase II pricing flexibility. In Phase II areas, AT&T/BellSouth also will reduce by 15% the rates in its interstate tariffs as of the Merger Closing Date for Ethernet services that are not at that time subject to price cap regulation. The foregoing commitments shall not apply to DS1, DS3, or Ethernet services provided by an AT&T/BellSouth ILEC to any other price cap ILEC, including any affiliate of such other price cap ILEC,¹⁰ unless such other price cap ILEC offers DS1 and DS3 channel termination and mileage services, and price cap Ethernet services in all areas in which it has obtained Phase II pricing flexibility relief for such services (hereinafter "Reciprocal Price Cap Services") at rates, and on the terms and conditions, applicable to such services in areas in which it has not obtained Phase II pricing flexibility for such services, nor shall AT&T/BellSouth provide the aforementioned 15% discount to such price cap ILEC or affiliate thereof unless such ILEC makes generally available a reciprocal discount for any Ethernet service it offers outside of price cap regulation (hereinafter "Reciprocal Non-Price Cap Services"). Within 14 days of the Merger Closing Date, AT&T/BellSouth will provide notice of this commitment to each price cap ILEC that purchases, or that has an affiliate that purchases, services subject to this commitment from an AT&T/BellSouth ILEC. If within 30 days thereafter, such price cap ILEC does not: (i) affirmatively inform AT&T/BellSouth and the Commission of its intent to sell Reciprocal Price Cap Services in areas where it has received Phase II pricing flexibility for such services at the rates, terms, and conditions that apply in areas where it has

⁷ Neither this merger commitment nor any other merger commitment herein shall be construed to require AT&T/BellSouth to provide any service through a separate affiliate if AT&T/BellSouth is not otherwise required by law to establish or maintain such separate affiliate.

⁸ The Ethernet services subject to this commitment are AT&T's interstate OPT-E-MAN, GigaMAN and DecaMAN services and BellSouth's interstate Metro Ethernet Service.

⁹ The Phase II Pricing Flexibility Provisions for DS1 and DS3 services are those set forth in Ameritech Tariff FCC No. 2, Section 21; Pacific Bell Tariff FCC No. 1, Section 31; Nevada Bell Tariff FCC No. 1, Section 22; Southwestern Bell Telephone Company Tariff FCC No. 73, Section 39; Southern New England Telephone Tariff FCC No. 39, Section 24; and BellSouth Telecommunications Tariff FCC No. 1, Section 23.

¹⁰ For purposes of this commitment, the term "price cap ILEC" refers to an incumbent local exchange carrier that is subject to price cap regulation and all of its affiliates that are subject to price cap regulation. The term "affiliate" means an affiliate as defined in 47 U.S.C. § 153(1) and is not limited to affiliates that are subject to price cap regulation.

not received such flexibility, and to provide a 15% discount on Reciprocal Non-Price Cap Services; and (ii) file tariff revisions that would implement such changes within 90 days of the Merger Closing Date (a "Non-Reciprocating Carrier"), the AT&T/BellSouth ILECs shall be deemed by the FCC to have substantial cause to make any necessary revisions to the tariffs under which they provide the services subject to this commitment to such Non-Reciprocating Carrier, including any affiliates, to prevent or offset any change in the effective rate charged such entities for such services. The AT&T/BellSouth ILECs will file all tariff revisions necessary to effectuate this commitment, including any provisions addressing Non-Reciprocating Carriers and their affiliates, within 90 days from the Merger Closing Date.

7. AT&T/BellSouth will not oppose any request by a purchaser of interstate special access services for mediation by Commission staff of disputes relating to AT&T/BellSouth's compliance with the rates, terms, and conditions set forth in its interstate special access tariffs and pricing flexibility contracts or to the lawfulness of the rates, terms, and conditions in such tariffs and contracts, nor shall AT&T/BellSouth oppose any request that such disputes be accepted by the Commission onto the Accelerated Docket.

8. The AT&T/BellSouth ILECs will not include in any pricing flexibility contract or tariff filed with the Commission after the Merger Closing Date access service ratio terms which limit the extent to which customers may obtain transmission services as UNEs, rather than special access services.

9. Within 60 days after the Merger Closing Date, the AT&T/BellSouth ILECs will file one or more interstate tariffs that make available to customers of DS1, DS3, and Ethernet service reasonable volume and term discounts without minimum annual revenue commitments (MARC) or growth discounts. To the extent an AT&T/BellSouth ILEC files an interstate tariff for DS1, DS3, or Ethernet services with a varying MARC, it will at the same time file an interstate tariff for such services with a fixed MARC. For purposes of these commitments, a MARC is a requirement that the customer maintain a minimum specified level of spending for specified services per year.

10. If, during the course of any negotiation for an interstate pricing flexibility contract, AT&T/BellSouth offers a proposal that includes a MARC, AT&T/BellSouth will offer an alternative proposal that gives the customer the option of obtaining a volume and/or term discount(s) without a MARC. If, during the course of any negotiation for an interstate pricing flexibility contract, AT&T/BellSouth offers a proposal that includes a MARC that varies over the life of the contract, AT&T/BellSouth will offer an alternative proposal that includes a fixed MARC.

11. Within 14 days of the Merger Closing Date, the AT&T/BellSouth ILECs will give notice to customers of AT&T/BellSouth with interstate pricing flexibility contracts that provide for a MARC that varies over the life of the contract that, within 45 days of such notice, customers may elect to freeze, for the remaining term of such pricing flexibility contract, the MARC in effect as of the Merger Closing Date, provided that the customer also freezes, for the remaining term of such pricing flexibility contract, the contract discount rate (or specified rate if the contract sets forth specific rates rather than discounts off of referenced tariffed rates) in effect as of the Merger Closing Date.

Transit Service

The AT&T and BellSouth ILECs will not increase the rates paid by existing customers for their existing tandem transit service arrangements that the AT&T and BellSouth ILECs provide in the AT&T/BellSouth in-region territory.¹¹

ADSL Service¹²

1. Within twelve months of the Merger Closing Date, AT&T/BellSouth will deploy and offer within the BellSouth in-region territory ADSL service to ADSL-capable customers without requiring such customers to also purchase circuit switched voice grade telephone service. AT&T/BellSouth will continue to offer this service in each state for thirty months after the “Implementation Date” in that state. For purposes of this commitment, the “Implementation Date” for a state shall be the date on which AT&T/BellSouth can offer this service to eighty percent of the ADSL-capable premises in BellSouth’s in-region territory in that state.¹³ Within twenty days after meeting the Implementation Date in a state, AT&T/BellSouth will file a letter with the Commission certifying to that effect. In all events, this commitment will terminate no later than forty-two months after the Merger Closing Date.

2. AT&T/BellSouth will extend until thirty months after the Merger Closing Date the availability within AT&T’s in-region territory of ADSL service, as described in the ADSL Service Merger Condition, set forth in Appendix F of the *SBC/AT&T Merger Order* (FCC 05-183).

3. Within twelve months of the Merger Closing Date, AT&T/BellSouth will make available in its in-region territory an ADSL service capable of speeds up to 768 Kbps to ADSL-capable customers without requiring such customers to also purchase circuit switched voice grade telephone service (“Stand Alone 768 Kbps service”). AT&T/BellSouth will continue to offer the 768 Kbps service in a state for thirty months after the “Stand Alone 768 Kbps Implementation Date” for that state. For purposes of this commitment, the “Stand Alone 768 Kbps Implementation Date” for a state shall be the date on which AT&T/BellSouth can offer the Stand Alone 768 Kbps service to eighty percent of the ADSL-capable premises in AT&T/BellSouth’s in-region territory in that state. The Stand Alone 768 Kbps service will be offered at a rate of not more than \$19.95 per month (exclusive of regulatory fees and taxes). AT&T/BellSouth may make available such services at other speeds at prices that are competitive with the broadband market taken as a whole.

ADSL Transmission Service

AT&T/BellSouth will offer to Internet service providers, for their provision of broadband Internet access service to ADSL-capable retail customer premises, ADSL transmission service in the combined

¹¹ Tandem transit service means tandem-switched transport service provided to an originating carrier in order to indirectly send intraLATA traffic subject to § 251(b)(5) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, to a terminating carrier, and includes tandem switching functionality and tandem switched transport functionality between an AT&T/BellSouth tandem switch location and the terminating carrier.

¹² The commitments set forth under the heading “ADSL Service” are, by their terms, available to retail customers only. Wholesale commitments are addressed separately under the heading “ADSL Transmission Service.”

¹³ After meeting the implementation date in each state, AT&T/BellSouth will continue deployment so that it can offer the service to all ADSL-capable premises in its in-region territory within twelve months of the Merger Closing Date.

AT&T/BellSouth territory that is functionally the same as the service AT&T offered within the AT&T in-region territory as of the Merger Closing Date.¹⁴ Such wholesale offering will be at a price not greater than the retail price in a state for ADSL service that is separately purchased by customers who also subscribe to AT&T/BellSouth local telephone service.

Net Neutrality

1. Effective on the Merger Closing Date, and continuing for 30 months thereafter, AT&T/BellSouth will conduct business in a manner that comports with the principles set forth in the Commission's Policy Statement, issued September 23, 2005 (FCC 05-151).

2. AT&T/BellSouth also commits that it will maintain a neutral network and neutral routing in its wireline broadband Internet access service.¹⁵ This commitment shall be satisfied by AT&T/BellSouth's agreement not to provide or to sell to Internet content, application, or service providers, including those affiliated with AT&T/BellSouth, any service that privileges, degrades or prioritizes any packet transmitted over AT&T/BellSouth's wireline broadband Internet access service based on its source, ownership or destination.

This commitment shall apply to AT&T/BellSouth's wireline broadband Internet access service from the network side of the customer premise equipment up to and including the Internet Exchange Point closest to the customer's premise, defined as the point of interconnection that is logically, temporally or physically closest to the customer's premise where public or private Internet backbone networks freely exchange Internet packets.

This commitment does not apply to AT&T/BellSouth's enterprise managed IP services, defined as services available only to enterprise customers¹⁶ that are separate services from, and can be purchased without, AT&T/BellSouth's wireline broadband Internet access service, including, but not limited to, virtual private network (VPN) services provided to enterprise customers. This commitment also does not apply to AT&T/BellSouth's Internet Protocol television (IPTV) service. These exclusions shall not result in the privileging, degradation, or prioritization of packets transmitted or received by AT&T/BellSouth's non-enterprise customers' wireline broadband Internet access service from the network side of the customer premise equipment up to and including the Internet Exchange Point closest to the customer's premise, as defined above.

¹⁴ An ADSL transmission service shall be considered "functionally the same" as the service AT&T offered within the AT&T in-region territory as of the Merger Closing Date if the ADSL transmission service relies on ATM transport from the DSLAM (or equivalent device) to the interface with the Internet service provider, and provides a maximum asymmetrical downstream speed of 1.5Mbps or 3.0Mbps, or a maximum symmetrical upstream/downstream speed of 384Kbps or 416Kbps, where each respective speed is available (the "Broadband ADSL Transmission Service"). Nothing in this commitment shall require AT&T/BellSouth to serve any geographic areas it currently does not serve with Broadband ADSL Transmission Service or to provide Internet service providers with broadband Internet access transmission technology that was not offered by AT&T to such providers in its in-region territory as of the Merger Closing Date.

¹⁵ For purposes of this commitment, AT&T/BellSouth's wireline broadband Internet access service and its Wi-Max fixed wireless broadband Internet access service are, collectively, AT&T/BellSouth's "wireline broadband Internet access service."

¹⁶ "Enterprise customers" refers to that class of customer identified as enterprise customers on AT&T's website (<http://www.att.com>) as of December 28, 2006.

This commitment shall sunset on the earlier of (1) two years from the Merger Closing Date, or (2) the effective date of any legislation enacted by Congress subsequent to the Merger Closing Date that substantially addresses “network neutrality” obligations of broadband Internet access providers, including, but not limited to, any legislation that substantially addresses the privileging, degradation, or prioritization of broadband Internet access traffic.

Internet Backbone

1. For a period of three years after the Merger Closing Date, AT&T/BellSouth will maintain at least as many discrete settlement-free peering arrangements for Internet backbone services with domestic operating entities within the United States as they did on the Merger Closing Date, provided that the number of settlement-free peering arrangements that AT&T/BellSouth is required to maintain hereunder shall be adjusted downward to account for any mergers, acquisitions, or bankruptcies by existing peering entities or the voluntary election by a peering entity to discontinue its peering arrangement. If on the Merger Closing Date, AT&T and BellSouth both maintain a settlement free peering arrangement for Internet backbone services with the same entity (or an affiliate thereof), the separate arrangements shall count as one settlement-free peering arrangement for purposes of determining the number of discrete peering entities with whom AT&T/BellSouth must peer pursuant to this commitment. AT&T/BellSouth may waive terms of its published peering policy to the extent necessary to maintain the number of peering arrangements required by this commitment.

Notwithstanding the above, if within three years after the Merger Closing Date, one of the ten largest entities with which AT&T/BellSouth engages in settlement free peering for Internet backbone services (as measured by traffic volume delivered to AT&T/BellSouth’s backbone network facilities by such entity) terminates its peering arrangement with AT&T/BellSouth for any reason (including bankruptcy, acquisition, or merger), AT&T/BellSouth will replace that peering arrangement with another settlement free peering arrangement and shall not adjust its total number of settlement free peers downward as a result.

2. Within thirty days after the Merger Closing Date, and continuing for three years thereafter, AT&T/BellSouth will post its peering policy on a publicly accessible website. During this three-year period, AT&T/BellSouth will post any revisions to its peering policy on a timely basis as they occur.

Forbearance

1. AT&T/BellSouth will not seek or give effect to a ruling, including through a forbearance petition under section 10 of the Communications Act (the “Act”) 47 U.S.C. 160, or any other petition, altering the status of any facility being currently offered as a loop or transport UNE under section 251(c)(3) of the Act.

2. AT&T/BellSouth will not seek or give effect to any future grant of forbearance that diminishes or supersedes the merged entity’s obligations or responsibilities under these merger commitments during the period in which those obligations are in effect.

Wireless

1. AT&T/BellSouth shall assign and/or transfer to an unaffiliated third party all of the 2.5 GHz spectrum (broadband radio service (BRS)/educational broadband service (EBS)) currently licensed to or leased by BellSouth within one year of the Merger Closing Date.

2. By July 21, 2010, AT&T/BellSouth agrees to: (1) offer service in the 2.3 GHz band to 25% of the population in the service area of AT&T/BellSouth’s wireless communications services (WCS) licenses,

for mobile or fixed point-to-multi-point services, or (2) construct at least five permanent links per one million people in the service area of AT&T/BellSouth's WCS licenses, for fixed point-to-point services. In the event AT&T/BellSouth fails to meet either of these service requirements, AT&T/BellSouth will forfeit the unconstructed portion of the individual WCS licenses for which it did not meet either of these service requirements as of July 21, 2010; provided, however, that in the event the Commission extends the July 21, 2010, buildout date for 2.3GHz service for the WCS industry at large ("Extended Date"), the July 21, 2010 buildout date specified herein shall be modified to conform to the Extended Date. The wireless commitments set forth above do not apply to any 2.3 GHz wireless spectrum held by AT&T/BellSouth in the state of Alaska.

Divestiture of Facilities

Within twelve months of the Merger Closing Date, AT&T/BellSouth will sell to an unaffiliated third party(ies) an indefeasible right of use ("IRU") to fiber strands within the existing "Lateral Connections," as that term is defined in the *SBC/AT&T Consent Decree*,¹⁷ to the buildings listed in Attachment B to this Appendix F ("BellSouth Divestiture Assets"). These divestitures will be effected in a manner consistent with the divestiture framework agreed to in the *SBC/AT&T Consent Decree*, provided that such divestitures will be subject to approval by the FCC, rather than the Department of Justice.

Tunney Act

AT&T is a party to a Consent Decree entered into following the merger of SBC and AT&T (the "Consent Decree"). The Consent Decree documents the terms under which AT&T agreed to divest special access facilities serving 383 buildings within the former SBC in-region ILEC territory (the "SBC Divestiture Assets"). In its Order approving the AT&T/SBC merger, the Commission also required the divestiture of these same facilities on the terms and conditions contained in the Consent Decree. The Consent Decree is currently under review pursuant to the Tunney Act in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia (the "Court") in *U.S. v. SBC Communications, Inc. and AT&T Corp.*, Civil Action No. 1:05CV02102 (EGS) (D.D.C.), where the Court is reviewing the adequacy of the remedy contained in the Consent Decree to address the competitive concerns described in the Complaint filed by the Department of Justice (DOJ).

If it is found in a final, non-appealable order, that the remedy in the Consent Decree is not adequate to address the concerns raised in the Complaint and AT&T and the DOJ agree to a modification of the Consent Decree (the "Modified Consent Decree"), then AT&T agrees that (1) AT&T/BellSouth will conform its divestiture of the BellSouth Divestiture Assets to the terms of the Modified Consent Decree; and (2) AT&T/BellSouth will negotiate in good faith with the Commission to determine whether the conditions imposed on AT&T/BellSouth in the Commission order approving the merger of AT&T and BellSouth satisfies, with respect to the BellSouth territory, the concerns addressed in the Modified Consent Decree.

Certification

AT&T/BellSouth shall annually file a declaration by an officer of the corporation attesting that AT&T/BellSouth has substantially complied with the terms of these commitments in all material

¹⁷ See *United States v. SBC Communications, Inc.*, Civil Action No. 1:05CV02102, Final Judgment (D.D.C. filed Oct. 27, 2005).

respects. The first declaration shall be filed 45 days following the one-year anniversary of the Merger Closing Date, and the second, third, and fourth declarations shall be filed one, two, and three years thereafter, respectively.

**Conditions
ATTACHMENT A**

**Service Quality Measurement Plan
For Interstate Special Access**

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Section 1: Ordering**FOCT: Firm Order Confirmation (FOC) Timeliness****Definition**

Firm Order Confirmation (FOC) Timeliness measures the percentage of FOCs returned within the Company-specified standard interval.

Exclusions

- Service requests identified as “Projects” or “ICBs”
- Service requests cancelled by the originator
- Weekends and designated holidays of the service center
- Unsolicited FOCs
- Administrative or test service requests
- Service requests that indicate that no confirmation/response should be sent
- Other exclusions as defined by each RBOC to reflect system and operational differences

Business Rules

Counts are based on the first instance of a FOC being sent in response to an ASR. Activity starting on a weekend or holiday will reflect a start date of the next business day. Activity ending on a weekend or holiday will be calculated with an end date of the last previous business day. Requests received after the company’s stated cutoff time will be counted as a “zero” day interval if the FOC is sent by close of business on the next business day. The standard interval will be that which is specified in the company-specific ordering guide.

Calculation

Firm Order Confirmation (FOC) Interval = (a - b)

- a = Date and time FOC is returned
- b = Date and time valid access service request is received

Percent within Standard Interval = (c / d) X 100

- c = Number of service requests confirmed within the designated interval
- d = Total number of service requests confirmed in the reporting period

Report Structure

- Non-Affiliates Aggregate
- RBOC Affiliates Aggregate
 - RBOC 272 Affiliates Aggregate

Geographic Scope

- State

SQM Disaggregation (Percent FOCs returned within Standard Interval)

- Special Access – DS0
- Special Access – DS1
- Special Access – DS3 and above

Section 2: Provisioning**PIAM: Percent Installation Appointments Met****Definition**

Percent Installation Appointments Met measures the percentage of installations completed on or before the confirmed due date.

Exclusions

- Orders issued and subsequently cancelled
- Orders associated with internal or administrative (including test) activities
- Disconnect Orders
- Other exclusions as defined by each RBOC to reflect system and operational differences

Business Rules

This measurement is calculated by dividing the number of service orders completed during the reporting period, on or before the confirmed due date, by the total number of orders completed during the same reporting period. Installation appointments missed because of customer caused reasons shall be counted as met and included in both the numerator and denominator. Where there are multiple missed appointment codes, each RBOC will determine whether an order is considered missed.

Calculation

Percent Installation Appointments Met = $(a / b) \times 100$

- a = Number of orders completed on or before the RBOC confirmed due date during the reporting period
- b = Total number of orders where completion has been confirmed during the reporting period

Report Structure

- Non-Affiliates Aggregate
- RBOC Affiliates Aggregate
 - RBOC 272 Affiliates Aggregate

Geographic Scope

- State

SQM Disaggregation

- Special Access – DS0
- Special Access – DS1
- Special Access – DS3 and above

NITR: New Installation Trouble Report Rate**Definition**

New Installation Trouble Report Rate measures the percentage of circuits or orders where a trouble was found in RBOC facilities or equipment within thirty days of order completion.

Exclusions

- Trouble tickets issued and subsequently cancelled
- Customer Provided Equipment (CPE) or customer caused troubles
- Troubles closed by the technician to disposition codes of IEC (Inter-exchange Carrier) or INF (Information)
- RBOC troubles associated with administrative service
- No Trouble Found (NTF) and Test OK (TOK)
- Other exclusions defined by each RBOC to reflect system and operational differences
- Subsequent trouble reports

Business Rules

Only the first customer direct trouble report received within thirty calendar days of a completed service order is counted in this measure. Only customer direct trouble reports that required the RBOC to repair a portion of the RBOC network will be counted in this measure. The RBOC completion date is when the RBOC completes installation of the circuit or order.

Calculation

Trouble Report Rate within 30 Calendar Days of Installation = $(a / b) \times 100$

- a = Count of circuits/orders with trouble reports within 30 calendar days of installation
- b = Total number of circuits/orders installed in the reporting period

Report Structure

- Non-Affiliates Aggregate
- RBOC Affiliates Aggregate
 - RBOC 272 Affiliates Aggregate

Geographic Scope

- State

SQM Disaggregation

- Special Access – DS0
- Special Access – DS1
- Special Access – DS3 and above

Section 3: Maintenance & Repair**CTRR: Failure Rate/Trouble Report Rate****Definition**

The percentage of initial and repeated circuit-specific trouble reports completed per 100 in-service circuits for the reporting period.

Exclusions

- Trouble reports issued and subsequently cancelled
- Employee initiated trouble reports
- Trouble reports/circuits associated with internal or administrative activities
- Customer Provided Equipment (CPE) or customer caused troubles
- Troubles closed by the technician to disposition codes of IEC (Inter-exchange Carrier) or INF (Information)
- Tie Circuits
- No Trouble Found (NTF) and Test OK (TOK)
- Other exclusions as defined by each RBOC to reflect system and operational differences

Business Rules

Only customer direct trouble reports that require the RBOC to repair a portion of the RBOC network will be counted in this report. The trouble report rate is computed by dividing the number of completed trouble reports handled during the reporting period by the total number of in-service circuits for the same period.

Calculation

Percent Trouble Report Rate = $(a / b) \times 100$

- a = Number of completed circuit-specific trouble reports received during the reporting period
- b = Total number of in-service circuits during the reporting period

Report Structure

- Non-Affiliates Aggregate
- RBOC Affiliates Aggregate
 - RBOC 272 Affiliates Aggregate

Geographic Scope

- State

SQM Disaggregation

- Special Access – DS0
- Special Access – DS1
- Special Access – DS3 and above

MAD: Average Repair Interval/Mean Time to Restore**Definition**

The Average Repair Interval/Mean Time to Restore is the average time between the receipt of a customer trouble report and the time the service is restored. The average outage duration is only calculated for completed circuit-specific trouble reports.

Exclusions

- Trouble reports issued and subsequently cancelled
- Employee initiated trouble reports
- Trouble reports associated with internal or administrative activities
- Customer Provided Equipment (CPE) or customer caused troubles
- Troubles closed by the technician to disposition codes of IEC (Inter-exchange Carrier) or INF (Information)
- Tie Circuits
- No Trouble Found (NTF) and Test OK (TOK)
- Other exclusions as defined by each RBOC to reflect system and operational differences

Business Rules

Only customer direct trouble reports that require the RBOC to repair a portion of the RBOC network will be counted in this measure. The average outage duration is calculated for each restored circuit with a trouble report. The start time begins with the receipt of the trouble report and ends when the service is restored. This is reported in a manner such that customer hold time or delay maintenance time resulting from verifiable situations of no access to the end user premise, other CLEC/IXC or RBOC retail customer caused delays, such as holding the ticket open for monitoring, is deducted from the total resolution interval ("stop clock" basis).

Calculation

Repair Interval = (a – b)

- a = Date and time trouble report was restored
- b = Date and time trouble report was received

Average Repair Interval = (c / d)

- c = Total of all repair intervals (in hours/days) for the reporting period
- d = Total number of trouble reports closed during the reporting period

Report Structure

- Non-Affiliates Aggregate
- RBOC Affiliates Aggregate
 - RBOC 272 Affiliates Aggregate

Geographic Scope

- State

SQM Disaggregation

- Special Access – DS0
- Special Access – DS1
- Special Access – DS3 and above

GLOSSARY

Access Service Request (ASR)	A request to the RBOC to order new access service, or request a change to existing service, which provides access to the local exchange company's network under terms specified in the local exchange company's special or switched access tariffs.
RBOC 272 Affiliates Aggregate	RBOC Affiliate(s) authorized to provide long distance service as a result of the Section 271 approval process.
RBOC Affiliates Aggregate	RBOC Telecommunications and all RBOC Affiliates (including the 272 Affiliate). Post sunset, comparable line of business (e.g., 272 line of business) will be included in this category.
Business Days	Monday thru Friday (8AM to 5PM) excluding holidays
CPE	Customer Provided or Premises Equipment
Customer Not Ready (CNR)	A verifiable situation beyond the normal control of the RBOC that prevents the RBOC from completing an order, including the following: CLEC or IXC is not ready to receive service; end user is not ready to receive service; connecting company or CPE supplier is not ready.
Firm Order Confirmation (FOC)	The notice returned from the RBOC, in response to an Access Service Request from a CLEC, IXC or affiliate, that confirms receipt of the request and creation of a service order with an assigned due date.
Unsolicited FOC	An Unsolicited FOC is a supplemental FOC issued by the RBOC to change the due date or for other reasons, e.g., request for a second copy from the CLEC/IXC, although no change to the ASR was requested by the CLEC or IXC.
Project or ICB	Service requests that exceed the line size and/or level of complexity that would allow the use of standard ordering and provisioning interval and processes. Service requests requiring special handling.
Repeat Trouble	Trouble that reoccurs on the same telephone number/circuit ID within 30 calendar days
Service Orders	Refers to all orders for new or additional lines/circuits. For change order types, additional lines/circuits consist of all C order types with "I" and "T" action coded line/circuit USOCs that represent new or additional lines/circuits, including conversions for RBOC to Carrier and Carrier to Carrier.

**Conditions
ATTACHMENT B**

Building List

Metro Area	CLLI	Address	City	State	Zip Code
Atlanta	ALPRGAVP	5965 CABOT PKWY	ALPHARETTA	GA	30005
Atlanta	ATLNGABI	2751 BUFORD HWY NE	ATLANTA	GA	30324
Atlanta	CHMBGAJG	2013 FLIGHTWAY DR	CHAMBLEE	GA	30341
Atlanta	NRCRGAER	6675 JONES MILL CT	NORCROSS	GA	30092
Atlanta	NRCRGAIJ	4725 PEACHTREE CORNERS CIR	NORCROSS	GA	30092
Atlanta	NRCRGANX	3795 DATA DR NW	NORCROSS	GA	30092
Atlanta	NRCRGARC	335 RESEARCH CT	NORCROSS	GA	30092
Birmingham	BRHMALKU	101 LEAF LAKE PKWY	BIRMINGHAM	AL	35211
Charlotte	CHRMNCXI	2605 WATER RIDGE PKWY	CHARLOTTE	NC	28217
Chattanooga	CHTGTNAC	537 MARKET ST	CHATTANOOGA	TN	37402
Jacksonville	JCVNFLHK	10201 CENTURION PKWY N	JACKSONVILLE	FL	32256
Knoxville	KNVLTNHB	8057 RAY MEARS BLVD	KNOXVILLE	TN	37919
Knoxville	KNVNTN82	2160 LAKESIDE CENTER WAY	KNOXVILLE	TN	37922
Miami	BCRTFLAU	851 NW BROKEN SOUND PKWY	BOCA RATON	FL	33487
Miami	BCRTFLCM	501 E CAMINO REAL	BOCA RATON	FL	33432
Miami	DLBHFLDU	360 N CONGRESS AVE	DELRAY BEACH	FL	33445
Miami	JPTRFLAC	100 MARQUETTE DR	JUPITER	FL	33458
Miami	JPTRFLBC	1001 N USHWY 1	JUPITER	FL	33477
Miami	PLNBFLAZ	1601 SW 80TH TER	PLANTATION	FL	33324
Miami	PLNBFLCQ	1800 NW 69TH AVE	PLANTATION	FL	33313
Miami	SUNRFLCF	720 INTERNATIONAL PKWY	SUNRISE	FL	33325
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Nashville	NSVPTN98	427 OPRY MILLS DR	NASHVILLE	TN	37214
Nashville	NSVPTNJX	540 OPRY MILLS DR	NASHVILLE	TN	37214
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Miami	SUNRFLBD	440 SAWGRASS CORP. PARKWAY	SUNRISE	FL	33325
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May 18, 2007

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Atlanta, GA 30375

Re: Nextel South Corp. and Nextel West Corp. (collectively "Nextel")
adoption of "Interconnection Agreement By and Between BellSouth
Telecommunications, Inc. and Sprint Communications Company
Limited Partnership, Sprint Communications Company L.P., Sprint
Spectrum L.P." dated January 1, 2001.

Dear Kay, Randy and Lynn:

The purpose of this letter is to notify BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., d/b/a AT&T Southeast ("AT&T") that Nextel South Corp. and Nextel West Corp. (collectively "Nextel") is exercising its right to adopt the "Interconnection Agreement By and Between BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and Sprint Communications Company Limited Partnership, Sprint Communications Company L.P., Sprint Spectrum L.P." dated January 1, 2001 ("Sprint ICA") as amended, filed and approved in each of the 9-legacy BellSouth states¹. Nextel is exercising its right

¹ For the purposes of this letter, the 9 legacy BellSouth states means: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee.

pursuant to the FCC approved Merger Commitment Nos. 1 and 2 under "Reducing Transaction Costs Associated with Interconnection Agreements" as ordered by ("Merger Commitments") in the BellSouth - AT&T merger, WC Docket No. 06-74², and 47 U.S.C. § 252(i).

The Nextel entities are wholly owned subsidiaries of Sprint Nextel Corporation, as are Sprint Communications Company L.P. ("Sprint CLEC") and Sprint Spectrum L.P. ("Sprint PCS"). Although neither Nextel nor Sprint CLEC consider it either necessary or required by law, to avoid any potential delay regarding the exercise of Nextel's right to adopt the Sprint ICA, Sprint CLEC stands ready, willing and able to also execute the Sprint ICA as adopted by Nextel in order to expeditiously implement Nextel's adoption.

As AT&T is aware, all relevant state-specific differences among the 9 legacy BellSouth states are already contained within the Sprint ICA. Since the same state-specific terms are applicable to Nextel on a state by state basis, there are no "state-specific pricing and performance plans and technical feasibility" issues to prevent AT&T from immediately making the Sprint ICA available within each applicable state to Nextel pursuant to Merger Commitment No. 1. Likewise, since the Sprint ICA is already TRRO compliant and has an otherwise effective change of law provision, there is no issue to prevent AT&T from also making the Sprint ICA available to Nextel in each applicable state pursuant to Merger Commitment No. 2.

² Merger Commitment No. 1 states:

The AT&T/BellSouth ILECs shall make available to any requesting telecommunications carrier any entire effective interconnection agreement, whether negotiated or arbitrated that an AT&T/BellSouth ILEC entered into in any state in the AT&T/BellSouth 22-state ILEC operating territory, subject to state-specific pricing and performance plans and technical feasibility, and provided, further, that an AT&T/BellSouth ILEC shall not be obligated to provide pursuant to this commitment any interconnection arrangement or UNE unless it is feasible to provide, given the technical, network, and OSS attributes and limitations in, and is consistent with the laws and regulatory requirements of, the state for which the request is made." (Emphasis added).

Merger Commitment No. 2 states:

The AT&T/BellSouth ILECs shall not refuse a request by a telecommunications carrier to opt into an agreement on the ground that the agreement has not been amended to reflect changes of law, provided the requesting telecommunications carrier agrees to negotiate in good faith an amendment regarding such change of law immediately after it has opted into the agreement.

Ms. Kay Lyon, Mr. Randy Ham and Ms. Lynn Allen-Flood
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Enclosed are Nextel's completed AT&T forms with respect to Merger Commitment Nos. 1 and 2, with any language within such forms stricken to the extent such language is not contained within the Merger Commitments.

Also enclosed for AT&T's execution are two copies of an adoption document to implement Nextel's adoption of the Sprint ICA. Please sign and return both executed documents for receipt by me no later than Tuesday, May 29, 2007. Upon receipt I will have both documents executed on behalf of Nextel and return one fully executed adoption document to you. I will also cause to be filed with each of the 9 state commissions a copy of the fully executed adoption document along with a copy of the current 1,169 page Sprint ICA, as amended, which I will print off from your website at:

http://cpr.bellsouth.com/clec/docs/all_states/800aa291.pdf

To the extent notice may be deemed necessary pursuant to the existing interconnection agreements between Nextel and AT&T, please also consider this letter as Nextel's conditional notice to terminate the existing interconnection agreements between Nextel and AT&T in a given state upon acknowledgement by such state's commission that Nextel has adopted the Sprint ICA. Upon such acknowledgement, the existing interconnection agreement between Nextel and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. will then be considered terminated and superseded by the adopted Sprint ICA.

Should AT&T have any questions regarding Nextel's adoption of the Sprint ICA, please do not hesitate to call.

Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Mark G. Felton

Enclosures

CC: Mr. Joseph M. Chiarelli, Counsel for Nextel
Mr. William R. Atkinson, Counsel for Nextel
Mr. Jim Kite, Interconnection Solutions

By and Between

**BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a
AT&T Southeast**

And

Nextel South Corp.

**(For the States of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana,
Mississippi, North Carolina, Tennessee, and South Carolina)**

And

**Nextel West Corp.
(For the State of Kentucky)**

AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT is made by and between BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., d/b/a AT&T Southeast ("AT&T"), a Georgia Corporation, having offices at 675 W. Peachtree Street, Atlanta, Georgia, 30375, on behalf of itself and its successors and assigns, and Nextel South Corp. ("Nextel South"), a Delaware Corporation, and Nextel West Corp. ("Nextel West"), a Delaware Corporation (Nextel South and Nextel West are collectively referred to herein as "Nextel"), and shall be deemed effective in the respective states of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Tennessee and South Carolina as of the date it is filed with each state Commission or applicable Authority in such states ("the Effective Date").

WHEREAS, the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the "Act") was signed into law on February 8, 1996; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 252(i) of the Act, AT&T is required to make available any interconnection agreement filed and approved pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Merger Commitment Nos. 1 and 2 under "Reducing Transaction Costs Associated with Interconnection Agreements" as required by the Federal Communications Commission in its AT&T, Inc. -- BellSouth Corporation Order, i.e., *In the Matter of AT&T Inc. and BellSouth Corporation Application for Transfer of Control*, Memorandum Opinion and Order, Ordering Clause ¶ 227 at page 112 and Appendix F at page 149, WC Docket No. 06-74 (Adopted: December 29, 2006, Released: March 26, 2007), AT&T is also required to make available any entire effective interconnection agreement that an AT&T/BellSouth ILEC has entered in any state in the AT&T/BellSouth 22-state operating territory; and

WHEREAS, Nextel has exercised its right to adopt in its entirety the effective interconnection agreement between Sprint Communications Company Limited Partnership a/k/a Sprint Communications Company L.P. ("Sprint CLEC") Sprint Spectrum, L.P. d/b/a Sprint PCS ("Sprint PCS") and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. Dated January 1, 2001 for the state(s) of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee ("the Sprint ICA").

WHEREAS, Nextel is a wholly owned subsidiary of Sprint Nextel Corporation, as are Sprint CLEC and Sprint PCS and, although neither Nextel nor Sprint CLEC consider it either necessary or required by law, to avoid any potential delay regarding the exercise of Nextel's adoption of the Sprint ICA, Sprint CLEC is ready, willing and able to also execute this Agreement as an accommodation party.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the promises and mutual covenants of this Agreement, Nextel and AT&T hereby agree as follows:

1. Nextel and AT&T shall adopt in its entirety the 1,166 page Sprint ICA, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, and is also available for public view on the AT&T website at:

http://cpr.bellsouth.com/clec/docs/all_states/800aa291.pdf

2. The term of this Agreement shall be from the Effective Date as set forth above and shall coincide with any expiration or extension of the Sprint ICA.

3. Nextel and AT&T shall accept and incorporate into this Agreement any amendments to the Sprint ICA executed as a result of any final judicial, regulatory, or legislative action.

4. Every notice, consent or approval of a legal nature, required or permitted by this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be delivered either by hand, by overnight courier or by US mail postage prepaid (and email to the extent an email has been provided for notice purposes) to the same person(s) at the same addresses as identified in the Sprint ICA, including any revisions to such notice information as may be provided by Sprint CLEC and Sprint PCS from time to time, and will be deemed to equally apply to Nextel unless specifically indicated otherwise in writing.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Agreement the day and year written below.

**BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.
d/b/a AT&T Southeast**

**Nextel South Corp. and
Nextel West Corp.**

By: _____

By: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____

**Sprint Communications Company
Limited Partnership a/k/a Sprint
Communications Company L.P. Sprint
Spectrum L.P., as an Accommodating
Party**

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

TO: Contract Management
311 S Akard
Four AT&T Plaza, 9th floor
Dallas, TX 75202
Fax: 1-800-404-4548

May 18, 2007

RE: ^{Notice}
Request to Port Interconnection Agreement

Director – Contract Management:

Pursuant to ICA Merger Commitment 7.1 under "Reducing Transaction Costs Associated with Interconnection Agreements," effective December 29, 2006, associated with the merger of AT&T Inc. and BellSouth Corp. ("ICA Merger Commitment 7.1"), Nextel South Corp. & Nextel West Corp. ("Nextel") ("Carrier") desires to exercise its right to port the existing Interconnection Agreement between BellSouth Telecom, Inc. ("AT&T") and Sprint Comm. Co. L.P. & Sprint Spectrum L.P. in the state of AL, FL, GA, KY, LA to the state of MS, NC, SC & TN and, by this notice, requests AT&T to initiate a review to support this request. Carrier understands that pursuant to ICA Merger Commitment 7.1, porting of the Interconnection Agreement is subject to a variety of conditions including (without limitation) technical feasibility and state-specific pricing, terms and conditions. Carrier understands AT&T will reply in writing when its review of this porting ^{notice} request has been completed.

CARRIER NOTICE CONTACT INFO*	
NOTICE CONTACT NAME	Please see attached
NOTICE CONTACT TITLE	
STREET ADDRESS	
ROOM OR SUITE	
CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE	
E-MAIL ADDRESS	
TELEPHONE NUMBER	
FACSIMILE NUMBER	
STATE OF INCORPORATION	Delaware
TYPE OF ENTITY (corporation, limited liability company, etc.)	Corporation

Enclose proof of certification for state requested.

Enclose documentation from Telcordia as confirmation of AGNA:

Enclose documentation from NECA as confirmation of OCN(s):

Enclose verification of type of entity and registration with Secretary of State.

AT&T already has any necessary, applicable information in its systems.

Form completed and submitted by:

Nextel

Contact number:

Jim Kite @ 913-762-4281

* All requested carrier notice contact information and documentation are required. Be aware that the failure to provide accurate and complete information may result in return of this form to you and a delay in processing your request.

**Nextel South Corp. and Nextel West Corp. (collectively "Nextel"),
and NPCR, Inc. d/b/a Nextel Partners ("Nextel Partners")
Carrier Contact Notice Information Attachment**

All AT&T notices to Nextel or Nextel Partners are to be sent to the same person(s) at the same addresses as identified in the interconnection agreement between BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and Sprint Communications Company L.P. a/k/a Sprint Communications Company Limited Partnership and Sprint Spectrum L.P. (collectively "Sprint") dated January 1, 2001 ("the Sprint ICA"). Nextel and Nextel Partners understand Sprint is in the process of preparing a separate written notice to likewise provide AT&T the following updated information regarding the sending of any notices pursuant to the Sprint ICA:

For Sprint, Nextel or Nextel Partners:

Manager, ICA Solutions
Sprint
P. O. Box 7954
Shawnee Mission, Kansas 66207-0954

or

Manager, ICA Solutions
Sprint
KSOPHA0310-3B268
6330 Sprint Parkway
Overland Park, KS 66251
(913) 762-4847 (overnight mail only)

With a copy to:

Legal/Telecom Mgmt Privacy Group
P O Box 7966
Overland Park, KS 66207-0966

or

Legal/Telecom Mgmnt Privacy Group
Mailstop: KSOPKN0214-2A568
6450 Sprint Parkway
Overland Park, KS 66251
913-315-9348 (overnight mail only)

TO: Contract Management
311 S Akard
Four AT&T Plaza, 9th floor
Dallas, TX 75202
Fax: 1-800-404-4548

May 18, 2007

RE: Notice
~~Request to Adopt Interconnection Agreement~~

Director – Contract Management:

Pursuant to ICA Merger Commitment 7.2 under "Reducing Transaction Costs Associated with Interconnection Agreements," ordered by the FCC effective December 29, 2006 in connection with the merger of AT&T Inc. and BellSouth Corporation ("ICA Merger Commitment 7.2"), Nextel South Corp. & Nextel West Corp. ("Nextel") ("Carrier") desires to exercise its right to opt into the existing Interconnection Agreement, ("ICA") between BellSouth Telecomm. Inc. ("AT&T") and Sprint Com. Co. L.P. & Sprint Spectrum L.P. in the state of AL, FL, GA, KY, LA, MS, NC, SC, TN. Carrier understands that its request to opt into the ICA is subject to applicable requirements governing this process as set forth in Section 252(i) and Rule 51.809. Moreover, pursuant to ICA Merger Commitment 7.2, if the Agreement has not been amended to reflect changes of law, Carrier acknowledges that it is obligated to negotiate in good faith the execution of an Amendment regarding such change of law and agrees to complete said execution within 30 days after it has opted into the ICA. AT&T will reply in writing to this formal request. notice

CARRIER NOTICE CONTACT INFO*	
NAME, TITLE	<u>Please see Attached</u>
STREET ADDRESS	
ROOM OR SUITE	
CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE	
E-MAIL ADDRESS	
TELEPHONE NUMBER	
FACSIMILE NUMBER	
STATE OF INCORPORATION	<u>Delaware</u>
TYPE OF ENTITY (corporation, limited liability company, etc.)	<u>Corporation</u>

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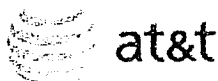
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Dallas, TX 75202
Fax 214 464-2006



May 30, 2007

Mark G. Felton
Interconnection Solutions
Sprint Nextel Access Solutions
Mailstop KSOPHA0310-3B372
6330 Sprint Parkway
Overland Park, KS 66251

Re: Nextel South Corp., Nextel West Corp. and NPCR, Inc. d/b/a Nextel Partners' Section 252(i) adoption request

Dear Mr. Felton:

Your letters dated May 18, 2007, on behalf of Nextel South Corp., Nextel West Corp. and NPCR, Inc. d/b/a Nextel Partners (collectively "Nextel") were received via FedEx on May 21, 2007. The aforementioned letters state that, pursuant to Merger Commitments 1 and 2 under "Reducing Transaction Costs Associated with Interconnection Agreements," effective December 29, 2006, and associated with the merger of AT&T Inc. and BellSouth Corp. ("Commitment 7.1 and Commitment 7.2"), as well as pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 252(i), Nextel is exercising its right to adopt the Interconnection Agreement ("ICA") between BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.¹ and Sprint Communications Company L.P., Sprint Spectrum L.P. in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee. The letters are also to be considered Nextel South Corp., Nextel West Corp. and NPCR, Inc. d/b/a Nextel Partners' conditional notice to terminate their existing ICAs with BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. upon approval of the adopted ICAs.

First, it is unclear how Nextel's request implicates Commitment 7.1. As the requested ICA has been filed and approved in each of the states where requested, Nextel's adoption request appears to be based solely on Section 252(i).

As you know, the purpose of the merger commitments related to "Reducing Transaction Costs Associated with Interconnection Agreements" is to allow carriers to reduce transaction costs associated with the allegedly "continuous" cycle of ICA renegotiations and arbitrations.² Pursuant to Commitment 7.2, rather than negotiating and possibly arbitrating a successor ICA, a carrier can avoid such costs by adopting another carrier's ICA without the need to amend the ICA prior to adoption to bring it into compliance with changes in law. Commitment 7.2 does not expand a carrier's rights generally pursuant to Section 252(i) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, but merely adds the provision that during the period in which the merger commitments are in effect, the adoption cannot be delayed while negotiating a change of law amendment.

The Sprint ICA was entered into on January 1, 2001, and was amended twice to extend the term to December 31, 2004. Since the expiration date, the parties have been operating under the Sprint ICA while the parties have been negotiating a successor ICA. As that ICA is expired and is currently in arbitration at the relevant state commissions, it is not available for adoption, as it was not adopted within a reasonable period of time as required by 47 C.F.R. § 51.809(c).

Randy Ham will continue to be the AT&T Lead Negotiator assigned to Nextel for the 9-state region. He may be contacted at (205) 321-7795. Please direct any questions or concerns you may have to Randy.

If you would like to have further discussions regarding this matter, AT&T would be happy to participate in order to bring these issues to a quick and amicable resolution.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Eddie Reed".

Eddie A. Reed, Jr.

¹ BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. is now doing business in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee as AT&T Alabama, AT&T Florida, AT&T Georgia, AT&T Kentucky, AT&T Louisiana, AT&T Mississippi, AT&T North Carolina, AT&T South Carolina and/or AT&T Tennessee, and will be referred to herein as "AT&T".

² See, e.g., *Comments of Cable Companies*, WC Docket No. 06-74 at pp. 9-10 (Oct. 24, 2006).

**BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION FOR APPROVAL
OF NEXTEL SOUTH CORP.'S ADOPTION OF
THE INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS L.P.,
SPRINT SPECTRUM L.P. D/B/A SPRINT PCS
AND BELL SOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS,
INC. D/B/A AT&T SOUTH CAROLINA D/B/A
AT&T SOUTHEAST

Docket No.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that on June 28 2007, she served one copy each of the attached **Petition for Approval of Nextel South Corp.'s Adoption of the BellSouth-Sprint Interconnection Agreement** and **Petition for Approval of NPCR, Inc. d/b/a Nextel Partners' Adoption of the BellSouth-Sprint Interconnection Agreement** by first-class mail, proper postage affixed addressed to the person(s) hereinafter named, at the place(s) and address(es) stated below, which is/are the last known address(es):

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